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THIS PASSION

MERILYN STEELE

Independent

MERILYN STEELE first came to the Australian country music industry's attention with the 2002 release of *Forever*, written by Merilyn and renowned fiddle aficionado **MARCUS HOLDEN**. She now returns in combination with Marcus once more, this time as her co-producer in her new album *This Passion*. Marcus also co-wrote most of the tracks with Merilyn, and they are all classy tracks well suited to her sweet vocals. Naturally, banjo, mandolin and fiddle are evident in almost every song. The new single *I Don't Wanna Know* really shows off the great mix of instruments and voice. *Charades* opens the album brightly. *When It Rains*, a delightfully sweet duet with the amazing **KAREN LYNNE**, is simply breathtaking. *T.L.C (Ten Less Candles)* is a bright track with every girl's birthday wish spelled out. Foot tapping and kinda cute *Finger Lickin'* closes the CD. Congratulations to both Merilyn and Marcus for this quality album.